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1. **Introduction**
   
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2. **Political Machines**
   
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Ramsey Clark, *Crime in America* (New York, 1970), ch. 9

Jerry V. Wilson, *Police Report* (Boston, 1975), ch. 8

4. **Discussion of Paper Topics**

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5. **Courts**

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6. **Schools**

J.M. Rice, "Our Public School System," essays on Boston and New York City from *The Forum* (1894)

David B. Tyack, *The One Best System* (Cambridge, 1974), parts 3 & 4

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Herman Melville, *The Piazza Tales* (New York, 1963), pp. 19-65

Richard Elman, *The Poorhouse State* (New York, 1961), part 1, chs. 1 & 3


8. **Prisons**

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12. **Public Authorities** November 14


13. **Universities** November 21

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